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1. The original city of Orsk is very old and it is located on the southeast side of the Ural River. There are no industrial plants in this part of the city. All of the industrial buildings in Orsk are located in a new part of the city, on the northwest side of the river and northwest of the old city. The two parts of the city are connected by a single main street, over which a streetcar provides public transportation. The new part, or the industrial section, is sometimes known as Novo Orsk to distinguish it from the old part of the city.

The largest industrial plant in Orsk, or Novo Orsk, is the OODM [redacted] which has two large walled-in factories, located in the center of the city, on the northeast side of the main street from old Orsk to the northwest. This installation has a new modern office building located between the two main factory buildings [redacted]

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3. The only other large industrial installations in Orsk [redacted] are the petroleum refineries located to the north of the OODM plants, on the north side of the railroad tracks (51-15N/58-31-30E) and the nickel factory located about 2 1/2 miles east of the oil refineries (51-15-30N/58-34-30E).

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4. [redacted] There was a bakery located on the north side of the street (51-14-45N/28-32-00E) between the oil refinery and the oil refinery storage tanks.

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5. About midway on the south side of the road between the oil refinery and the nickel plant there was a large saw mill (51-14-30N/58-32-50E). There was a large brickyard located about one half mile southeast (51-14-10N/58-33-30E) of the saw mill.
6. The built-up section of Novo Orsk along the north-south railroad track due east of the OCDM plant contained mainly wooden houses and there were several lunchrooms along the main street that traverses this section.
7. The built-up area (51-14-30N/58-28-30E) due west of the OCDM plants and southwest of the Tabetlya River contained modern brick apartment buildings.
8. The built-up area (51-13-20N/58-30-30E), about one half mile south of the OCDM plants, which is bisected by the main road from Maksay, contained all new six-story brick apartment houses.

POW Camps

9. There were three POW camps for men and one POW camp for German women in Novo Orsk. The largest camps, known as the Upper Camp (51-14-55N/58-29-20E) and the Lower Camp (51-14-50N/58-29-25E), were located between the highway and the railroad tracks about one half mile northwest of the OCDM buildings. The Lower Camp had a capacity of about two thousand POWs who were all specialists employed in Orsk. The Upper Camp had a capacity of about 1500 POWs.
10. The third POW camp for men was located about three tenths of a mile northeast from the brickyard (51-14-20N/58-34-00E) and this camp had a capacity of about one thousand POWs who were mainly used to work in the brickyard and the saw mill.
11. The POW camp for German women was located about one mile east northeast from the nickel works (51-15-55N/58-36-05E), and it contained about one thousand prisoners. These women prisoners received the same treatment as the men although [redacted] it appeared that the facilities were slightly better than they were in the POW camp for men.
12. In the area due north in the area about one mile due north of the Upper Camp and the Lower Camp, there were several kolkhoses that employed 400 to 600 POWs.
13. There was a small airport about one quarter of a mile northeast from the nickel works (51-15-33N/38-35-10E) which was for the exclusive use of the manager of the nickel works. This was the only airport [redacted] in the Orsk area and [redacted] more than one small plane at it at any particular time.
14. About one quarter mile north of the nickel works there were four pipe lines that ran in an east northeast direction from the oil refinery.
15. In old Orsk, the governor lived in a mansion in the park area west and north of the two main streets (51-12-20N/58-34-00E). The administrative buildings for the Orsk area were also located in this general park area.
16. A prison for Soviet political prisoners was located across the street from the park at the junction of the main road northeast with the main northwest street in old Orsk (51-12-25N/58-34-15E).
17. There were prosperous farms located in the general area southeast of old Orsk and north of the Reka Or. There were also some small farms in the general wooded area west of old Orsk, south of Novo Orsk and north of the Reka Ural.

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